



**Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee**

**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2008 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall**

Policy Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning Department.

Attendance

Policy Committee: Susie Johnson (City of Bloomington Public Works Department), Jack Baker (Citizens Advisory Committee), Andy Ruff (City Council), Bill Williams (Monroe County Highway Department), Joyce Poling (proxy for Iris Kiesling/Monroe County Commissioner), Lynn Coyne (Indiana University), Mark Kruzan (City of Bloomington Mayor), and Lew May (proxy for Kent McDaniel/Bloomington Transit).

Others: Adrian Reid (Bloomington Engineering), Josh Desmond (MPO Staff), and Raymond Hess (MPO Staff).

I. Call to Order

Lynn Coyne called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. May 9, 2008 – Joyce Poling moved approval of the minutes. Susie Johnson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

III. Communications from the Chair

There were no communications from the chair.

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. Citizens Advisory Committee - Jack Baker reported the CAC discussed the 10th St. to Pete Ellis Drive project, heard the 3rd Quarter Progress Report from staff, discussed the Unified Planning Work Program and recommended adoption of the TIP. They discussed the 45/46 Bypass project, a draft Complete Streets policy, and possible projects to do with Ball State students. Mr. Coyne asked about the progress on the E. 10th St. project. Ms. Johnson said she asked her staff to produce a schematic map to present to the working group and INDOT.

B. Technical Advisory Committee - Adrian Reid reported that the TAC recommended approval of the TIP. The City will begin work on two projects: 17th St. and Fee Lane; and Country Club and S. Rogers St. He also reported E. Rogers Rd. will be closed to replace the bridge between the roundabout and the Stands neighborhood.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

Josh Desmond said that the next call for Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects will be issued in the next couple of weeks. INDOT has made some administrative changes to this program. Instead of a statewide competitive application process, INDOT now will sub-allocate the money to the districts and the MPOs. Each MPO and INDOT district office will have an annual pot of TE money based on population. The MPO will be responsible for taking applications, evaluating them and awarding the TE funds within the MPO's urbanized area. If a project is outside of the urbanized area, those projects would apply to the district. The estimated amount of TE dollars for the BMCMPPO is \$280,000.



VI. Old Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program FY 2009-2012 (*Action requested*)

He reviewed changes that were made since the Policy Committee last reviewed the document in May. Changes include updates to the list of obligated projects, Rural Transit's JARC and New Freedom awards, and Bloomington Transit's downtown transfer facility. Additionally, a few other changes were also warranted: SR 45/46 (Monroe St. to Kinser Pike); SR 45 (at Garrison Chapel Road); and an update to the project description of the N. Campus Area Study. Mr. Hess also highlighted the public comments received. Mr. Desmond explained that INDOT has experienced problems with fiscal constraint. As a result, they are not going to adopt a FY 2009-2012 Indiana State Transportation Improvement Program (INSTIP). Therefore, all INDOT projects identified in the current local FY 2008-2011 TIP must be carried forward. This also means that the State will not recognize any projects in FY 2012. This is not anticipated to be problematic for local projects so long as INDOT adopts an INSTIP before 2012. Mr. Ruff stated for the record that the description of Monroe County's Fullerton Pike project may not accurately reflect the scope of the project. He indicated there are concerns the project will become part of a larger southern bypass and questioned whether a project of this scope is justified. He suggested the amount of money identified for engineering implies a large bypass project and not just connecting the existing roads. Mr. Williams indicated there are currently discussions underway with the City which have resulted in a softening of the project description to look at what scope would be warranted. He also explained the anticipated funding for this project and that a need for a bridge is a significant factor in the cost estimates. A motion was made by Ms. Polling to adopt the TIP as presented, inclusive of the changes outlined by staff. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker and passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program FY 2008-2011 Amendment (*Action requested*)

Mr. Hess explained that Bloomington Transit's Downtown Transfer Facility project costs need to be updated in the existing TIP to roll-over several years of past earmarks to the current year. Mr. May stated that BT is very close to implementing this project and has done environmental assessments and reached a purchasing agreement for a downtown site. BT intends to break ground on the project in the Spring of 2009. Ms. Polling motioned approval of an amendment to the TIP to reflect updated costs to Bloomington Transit's Downtown Transfer Facility project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker and passed unanimously.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members (*On Items Not Listed on Agenda*)

Mr. Coyne mentioned that Mr. May will be featured on the cover of Busline magazine. Mr. Hess stated that the June 27, 2008 meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee is cancelled.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Citizens Advisory Committee – June 25, 2008; 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – June 27, 2008; 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**
- C. Policy Committee – September 12, 2008; 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

Adjournment 2:20pm

*These minutes were ____ by the Policy Committee at their regular meeting held on 9/12/08.
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